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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO ALASKA BY PETER VAN VOLLENHOVEN

REF: THE HAGUE 272 AND STATE 008923

1. MANY THANKS FOR GETTER IN TOUCH WITH GOVERNOR EGAN'S OFFICE ABOUT PETER VAN VOLLENHAVEN'S VISIT TO ALASKA, TO WHICH HE IS LOOKING FORWARD ENTHUSIASTICALLY. WE LUNCHEDED WITH VAN VOLLENHOVEN AND NCRV DIRECTORS VAN HILLO AND BOGAART AND RELAYED THE INITIAL FAVORABLE REACTION FROM WARREN WILEY.

2. AS SUGGESTED BY WILEY, VAN VOLLENHOVEN IS WRITING A LETTER TO JOHN WERNER, ALSO IN GOVERNOR EGAN'S OFFICE, TO PROVIDE HIM WITH DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE MEMBERS OF VAN VOLLENHOVEN'S PARTY AND HIS PLANS, DESIRED ITINERARY, AND HIS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS THE TV DOCUMENTARY FILM. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN FROM REFTEL THAT WE HAVE ASKED WERNER TO ADVISE VAN VOLLENHOVEN (THROUGH OUR EMBASSY) OF THE EXACT DATES OF THE SLED-DOG CHAMPIONSHIP AND RELATED EVENTS NEXT MONTH IN CASE THEY REQUIRE VAN VOLLENHOVEN TO CHANGE HIS TRAVEL DATES.

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3. WE GOT THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT VAN VOLLENHOVEN WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PRINCESS MARGRIET JOIN HIM FOR SEVERAL DAYS. THIS WILL BE DEPENDENT, IN OUR JUDGMENT, ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH GOVERNOR EGAN AND OTHER ALASKAN OFFICIALS ARE PREPARED TO OFFER HOSPITALITY AND FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATE FOR A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY. ANYTHING YOUR OFFICE CAN DO, FOR INSTANCE, TO ELICIT AN INVITATION TO STAY IN ALASKA-FURNISHED QUARTERS OR TRAVEL AROUND THE STATE IN ALASKA-FURNISHED TRANSPORTATION WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL. HE IS HOPING FOR LODGE-TYPE ACCOMMODATION OFFERING PRIVACY AND INFORMALITY. WE POINTED OUT TO VAN VOLLENHOVEN OF COURSE, THAT THE MID-WINTER ALASKAN WEATHER WILL HAVE A RESTRICTIVE EFFECT ON TRAVELING, ACCESSIBILITY OF SITES OF INTEREST AND THE HOURS OF DAYLIGHT AVAILABLE FOR MAKING THE FILM. HE IS AWARE OF THESE LIMITATIONS BUT REMAINS MOST KEEN ON MAKING THE TRIP AND DOING THE FILM. AT THE END OF OUR LUNCHEON THE TWO TV DIRECTORS (BOTH OF WHOM ENJOY A HIGH REPUTATION IN THE NETHERLANDS) INDICATED AGREEMENT THAT THE FILM VAN VOLLENHOVEN HAS IN MIND WAS WORTH DOING AND FEASIBLE FROM THEIR STATION'S POINT OF VIEW. HE EXPECTS THEY WILL GIVE A FINAL ANSWER THIS WEEK.

4. FURTHER TO PRINCESS MARGRIET, VAN VOLLENHOVEN SAID THAT IF SHE JOINS HIM SHE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO DUTCH SECRET SERVICE MEN. WHEN HER PLANS ARE DEFINITE I SUGGEST THAT YOU LET THE US SECRET SERVICE KNOW ABOUT THEM.

5. PRINCIPAL THEMES FOR THE TV DOCUMENTARY, WHICH VAN VOLLENHOVEN WILL DESCRIBE IN HIS LETTER TO WERNER, ARE: THE SLED-DOG COMPETITIVE EVENTS; WILD LIFE IN ALASKA; THE WINTER ENVIRONMENT AND HOW ALASKANS, INCLUDING IF POSSIBLE ESKIMOS, COPE WITH THE RIGOROUS AND UNUSUAL WEATHER CONDITIONS; AND PREPARATIONS FOR OIL PRODUCTION ON THE NORTHERN SLOPE.

6. AS SOON AS VAN VOLLENHOVEN FIRMS UP HIS PLANS I INTEND TO WRITE TO GOVERNOR EGAN AND TO SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR MORTON (A PERSONAL FRIEND) TO EXPRESS EMBASSY SUPPORT FOR VAN VOLLENHOVEN'S VISIT INCLUDING THE TV PROJECT AND TO ASK THEM TO EXTEND COURTESIES AND ALL FEASIBLE ASSISTANCE. WE MAY ALSO CONTACT LANG WASHBURN OF USTS AND USIA FOR THE SAME PURPOSE. I KNOW THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF HAVE YOUR HANDS FULL WITH HIGH PRIORITY WORK SO WE WILL TRY TO KEEP TO A MINIMUM THE DEMANDS ON YOUR TIME

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IN SUPPORT OF THE VAN VOLLENHOVEN VISIT. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WE ARE ENCOURAGING VAN VOLLENHOVEN TO WORK OUT DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTLY WITH ALASKAN AUTHORITIES BUT I KNOW THAT A BOOST FROM YOU WILL HELP TO OPEN DOORS FOR HIM. REGARDS.
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